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Persons who Suffered by Bacon's Rebellion. The Commissioners' Report.

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A List of the names of those worthy persons, whose services and sufferings by the late Rebell Nathaniel Bacon, Junior, & his party, have been Reported to us most signal and Eminent, during the late unhappy troubles in Virginia, And Particularly of such, whose approved Loyaltie, constancy and courage hath rendered them most deserving of his Majestie's Royall Remark as followeth:

(That is to say)

The Right Honble Sir Wm. Berkeley, his Majesty's then Governour of Virginia, who suffered very much by the Rebell Bacon and his complices, being both persecuted in his person and Plundered and dispoyled in his Estate.

How hee was reimbursed or repaired, wee can not certainly give an account, But must humbly refer to an Article of Enquiry and (in part) to the personal grievances herewth p'sented.

Sir Henry Chichely, Barbarously Imprisoned and treated by Bacon and his party for many months together, and much damnified in his Estate. This worthy Person was employed by the Governour on the Indian Expedicon to disarm and subject them; But being upon the very point of Execucon, was on a suddaine, countermarched by the Governour, and noe effectual care therein taken: In which service had he proceeded, hee had (in all likely hood) ended the warr as soon as began.

Wee humbly present his services and sufferings to his Majestie's Royall consideration.

Col. Nathaniel Bacon, the elder, the first that was plundered by his unnatural kinsman, Nathaniel Bacon, the Rebell, to the value of at least 1000£ sterling as wee have heard. A most steadfast, Loyall subject to his Majestie, maugre all the malice & severe treatment of the Rebells. Hee is said to have been a person soe desirous and Industrious to divert the evil conse-

quences of his Rebell kinsman's proceedings, that at the beginning hee freely proposed and promised to invest him in a considerable part of his Estate in present, and to leave him the Remainder in Reversion after his and his wife's death, offering him other advantages upon condicion hee would lay downe his Armes, and become a good subject to his Majestie, that that colony might not be disturbed or destroyed, nor his owne ffamily stained with soe foule a Blott.

Col. Philip Ludwell, one that was constantly in the Governor's service, and was not onely plundered in his owne Personall Estate, but also of the Estate of an Orphan's comitted to his trust, for the loss whereof hee seems more concerned than for his owne,

Col. Augustine Warner, Speaker of the House of Burgesses, in the late assembly, and now sworne one of his Majestie's Councill of Virginia. An honest, worthy Person and most Loyall sufferer by the late Rebells; who was plundered as much as any, and yet speakes as little of his losses, tho' they were very greate.

Mr. Thomas Ludwell, Secretary of Virginia, whose stock was utterly ruined and taken away by the late Rebell, tho' at the same time hee was acting here in England (as the Country's agent) at his owne charge, he never haveing six pence allowed him for it by the country, that ever wee (upon our enquiry) could hear of.

Col. Daniel Parkes, then also in England, and one of the Treasurers for the country's money, who was plundered (according to the computation wee have had made to us) of at least 15001 sterl.

Col. William Cole, a very honest gentleman, and one of the Councill who was all along constant to the Governor and with him in all his troubles.

Col. Jos. Bridger, a very Resolute Gentleman who (though forced to fly in the heat of the Warr from his owne countrie) yet on his Returne was very Active and Instrumental in reducing to their obedience the South parte of James River, and in his Absence was (as wee have heard) Plundered of his Cattle &c to a good value.

Col. Nicholas Spencer an honest, active worthy Gentleman who did the country very good service against the Rebells in

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that ill effected parte of the Country where hee Resided, and, as wee have been credibly informed by his Correspondents here is much impaired in his Estate by the late Rebells.

Mr. Ralph Wormeley a truly lionest, Loyall Gentleman and one of the Councill who by his Constant adherence to the Governour, was (as wee have heard) much worsted, and Ruined in his Estate by the late Troubles in Virginia.

Col. Christopher Wormeley, a person very Loyall who according to a particular account given in the last Assembly, lost 500 £, Sterl. by the Rebellion.

Capt. Walter Whitaker a considerable sufferer and very Loyall Gentleman who (with the two worthy persons aforenamed) was Imprisoned after Bacons death.

Major Richard Lee, a Loyall, discreet Person, worthy of the place to which he was lately advanced, of being one of his Majesties Councill of Virginia, and as to his losses wee are credibly informed they were very greate, and that hee was Imprisoned by Bacon above Seaven weekes together, at least 100 miles from his owne home, whereby hee received great Prejudice in his health by hard usage, and very greatly in his whole Estate by his absence.

Col. Thomas Ballard, Lt-Col. Edward Hill, Both which (as wee have heard) lost considerable by the Rebell party.

The first of whom, both took and gave Bacon's unlawfull oath.

And the latter (Edward Hill) always adhered to Sir Wm. Berkeley, though in some things too much, as may appear in the case of Grendon & others.

Major Robert Beverley, clerk of the Assembly, a person very active and serviceable in surprizing and beating up of Quarters and small Guards about the country, and as himself sayes, and wee have noe reason to believe the onely person that got by the unhappy Troubles, in Plundering (without distinction of honest mens Estates from others) as will be found when accounts are adjusted, and was one that had the confidence to say in the hearing of Mr. Wiseman our clerk, hee had not plundered enough, soe that the Rebellion ended too soone for his purpose, Besides wee ourselves have observed him to have been the Evil Instrument that formented the ill humours between the

ernours then on the place, and was a great occassion of their clashing and Difference.

Col. Mathew Kemp a gentleman of an honest Loyall Family, a very deserving Person and much a sufferer by the Rebells.

Mr. Arthur Allen who is credibly reported to us, has Lost at least 1000£ sterl. by the Rebells though his modesty lets him say nothing himself of it.

Col. Wm. Claiborne the Elder, and his sonnes, were all of them Reported to us under a character of Loyalty, and obedience to his Majesties Govern' and Loosers both in stock and other Goods.

Cap' Otho Thorpe, a signal sufferer by Bacon and his Party, as appears by Oaths taken before us, and Sir Wm. Berkeley's owne order of Restitution of his Plundered Estate, after the Governour had made a composicion with him of near 200 L sterl. for his Pardon for signing a paper extracted by menaces, and obtained by Giles Bland, when Thorp was by drink bereaved of his comon reason, soe that this person may bee most truly said a great sufferer by both sides.

Mr. Philip Lightfoote a great Looser and sufferer both in Estate and person being both Plundered and Imprisoned by the Rebells.

Col. John Smith sustained great losses by the Rebells, his stock and other estate being taken and destroyed by them.

Maj. Laurence Smith a great sufferer in his Estate and Person being Plundered and Imprisoned by the Rebells.

Col. John West a person greatly impaired in his stock & goods by the Rebells, and a most constant Loyall Gentleman during the late Rebellion, and was for some time after Bacons death Imprisoned by the Rebell Partie.

Major John Lewis a sufferer in the same kind as the former.

Mr. Henry Whiting, Mr. Humphrey Gwyn, Great Loosers by the Rebells both in their stocks & Estates.

Mr. Richard Whitehead, Mr. Edmund Gwynne, Great sufferers in Estate by Plundering and in person by the Rebells.

Mr. Charles Roane one that had his dwelling House and other Houses Burnt downe to the ground, and most part of his goods and provisions destroyed and carried away by a party of the Rebells Comanded Gregory Walkate after Bacons death. Mr. Thomas Dedcon a Looser in his Estate, and sufferer in his Person by Imprisonment.

Major John Burnham Imprisoned by the Rebells and otherwise a sufferer by them.

Major —— Powell an honest Loyall Person who was wounded by the Rebells in his Leg at James Towne Engagement, and (as wee have heard) a great sufferer in his stock and otherwise.

Major John Page and Mr. John Bray Great Loosers in their Fstates

Col. John Leave a Person always with the Governour in the late Troubles, who in his absence from his owne house lost much in his Stock at home & otherwise, and was the first person of Virginia that came on Board us on our Arrival & gave us an account of the condicion of that Place.

Col. Charles Moryson a Gentleman of constant and approved Loyalty, who was never from the Governor but very serviceable and active upon all occasions as well in his owne person, as by his servants, and one that has been much Burdened and impaired in his stock by being at a great and frequent expense in furnishing Sir Wm. Berkeley and his party with supplyes of Provisions and also by being Plundered by the Rebells. Hee hath also beene at noe small charge in Entertaining both the Governors at his owne house with the traine that attended them, with greate freedom and openesse to all.

Cap' Wm. Diggs sonne to Mr. Edward Diggs, deceased, a Galland, brisk young Gentleman, who in a single dispute betwixt him and Hansford, one of the cheifest champions of the Rebells side, cut off one of Hansfords fingers, and forced him to fly, and maintained the Governors cause against the Rebells, with great constancy till he was forced to fly to Maryland, whose mother suffered considerably in her estate for her sonnes Loyalty.

Inhabitants sufferers by the Burning of James Towne; amongst whome, the most Emminent were.

Col. Thomas Swanne, who had a house burned & ye Goods in it.

Major Theoph: Hone, who had also a house and goods destroyed by the fire.

Mr. Will: Sherwood, and the orphan of one Mr. James,

whose house was burnt downe by the Rebell Lawrence, and the losse estimated at least 1000 £ sterl:

There are Divers other poor Inhabitants whose p'ticular names and losses wee cannot give in, that were great sufferers by this calamity that befell James Citty after the Governor and his party left it.

In Accomack.

The Gentlemen of this Province were very Loyal to his Majestie and Faithfull and constant to the Governour, and must therefore of consequence, be greate sufferers since this place was the onely shelter for the Governour and his Party during the Troubles in other Parts of his Majesties Colony of Virginia; from which this is seperated seven leagues distance.

The Persons of Particcular Emmency were these, vizt: Col. Stringer, Col. Littleton, Mr. Foxcraft, Major Jenifer and in the first Place.

Major Gen¹¹ Jo. Custis whose house was Sir Wm. Berkeleys continued Quarters, a person who at all tymes and Places boldly asserted, & supported to his power the Governours honour & cause in his Ma^{ttes} behalfe against the Rebells. This worthy Gentleman upon consulting severall of the most emminent and able persons in Virginia for victualling his Majestyes ships there, most frankly and engaged to lend the King a Thousand pounds sterling on his owne account, to promote and advance the doing thereof, if it possibly have been performed answerable to his Ma^{ttes} on their Exigency, which none would undertake to doe.

The good Queen of Pamunkey, a faithfull friend to, and lover of the English and their interest, whose sufferings by the late Rebells have beene very much many wayes, being driven out into the wild woods and there almost famished, Plundered of all shee had, her People taken Prisoners and sold, the Queen was also robbed of her rich watchcoat for which she had great value, and offered to redeem at any rate.

We could not but present her case to his Ma^{tic} who though he may not at present, soe well or readily provide remedies or rewards for the other worthy sufferers, yet since a Present of small Price may highly oblige and gratify this poor Indian Queen wee humbly supplicate his Ma^{tic} to bestow it on her.

Major Robert Bristow, a Gentleman of a good estate and an Eminent sufferer in his stock, Provision, Armes, Ammunition, M'ch' Goods & considerable Quantityes of Strong Liquors, as also in his person by being kept prisoner untill Bacon's death and after, he hath had a general knowledge of most passages relating to the late unhappy Troubles, and is able not only to justify most Particulars of our Narrative, But also is a person very fitt & necessary to be examined to divers particulars in the generall & personall Greivances. Being a man of good understanding in the Virginia affaires and one of Integrity and moderacion, soe that wee could wish hee might bee sent when there shall bee occasion & use of him in any of the aforesaid affaires being now an Inhabitant in Tower Street, London, Agt. Barking Church.

[signed] JOHN BERRY.

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